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EARTHQUAKE OF MODERATE INTENSITY
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Gujarat falls in zone V which is highly vulnerable to earthquake of moderate intensity;

(b) if so, whether the experts of Meteorological Department have been working at Gujarat (Rajkot) to study it and its possible repercussions; and

(c) if so, the findings of the experts in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) Yes, Madam. Rann of Kachchh region of Gujarat falls in Zone-V and the remaining parts of Gujarat fall in zone III & IVZone-V is highly vulnerable region and prone to earthquake of moderate intensity.

(b) & (c): Scientists of India Meteorological Department had undertaken seismic survey of Rajkot and neighbouring areas during December 2002 - April 2003. Preliminary conclusion of this survey indicated that the disturbances around Rajkot are due to readjustment of crustal stress subsequent to the earthquake of January 26, 2001.